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Sam Hill Plans Diverting Tourists

As the Willamette Valley counties have refused co-operation with Jackson county in building the Pacific Highway, and Hood River has refused co-operation with Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop in constructing the Columbia Highway, Sam Hill, father of the good roads movement in the northwest, has figured out a plan for uniting the two road-building sections and leaving the unprogressive counties without the tourist traffic.

"My plan is this," said Mr. Hill. "When the 1915 tourists come to Jackson county over the Pacific Highway, send them to Crater Lake, thence through central Oregon, over good natural roads to Biggs, where the state is now building a fine grade. From Biggs I have agreed to operate a free ferry to Maryhill, across the Columbia. Here there is a fine scenic highway to Stevenson. Between Stevenson, on the Washington side, and Cascade Locks, on the Oregon side, Amos Benson has agreed to build and operate another free ferry, which will land the tourists on to the Columbia Highway. Thus the tourists will see the most scenic parts of Oregon and be on good roads all the time."

Mr. Hill is highly enthused over the road activity in Jackson county, visiting the scene of operations on the Central Point road with Highway Engineer Bowlby last Monday.

Preliminary Survey Line Completed

Engineers from Smith, Emery & Co. finished the preliminary surveys for the new mineral springs project Saturday night. They returned to San Francisco yesterday. This data will be compiled within the next thirty days and the estimates of cost ascertained. In the meantime the metal tests, which are under way to ascertain the kinds of pipes required to successfully carry the water, will be finished. So by May 1, or before, the estimates, etc., will be at hand and the amount of bonds known. After that it will take sixty days more to submit the issue to a vote.

The engineers reported that it would be impossible to approximate the cost before the kinds of pipes are determined, as the cost would enter so largely into the transaction.

The complete analysis of the waters will be at hand within a week and will be printed in the papers for the information of the public.

Citizens will start tomorrow securing right of way contracts for the pipe lines.

Special Train Of Oil Received

The Medford Fruit Association received a special train of seven cars of oil last Friday morning at 2 o'clock. The growers were afraid of frost and wired for a special train. The cold spell took them unawares and they were afraid of losing their entire fruit crop. The train left San Francisco at 5 o'clock Thursday evening, arrived in Ashland at 1:30, stayed here three and a half minutes, unloaded a car at Vohries and arrived at Medford at 2 o'clock. This was exceeding the regular Shasta limited time from San Francisco. The Southern Pacific showed its perfect organization in the way in which the train was handled. While it was not so cold Friday night, if it had turned cold to a dangerous degree the fruit growers would have been prepared to save their crop.

Notice To Water Users

Notice is hereby given to all water users on the high pipe line that the water will have to be turned off from the upper mains Monday night, and you are hereby notified to store enough water to last two days in case of delay in repairing said pipe line. Please tell your neighbors.

E. R. HOSLER, Supt.

The First National Bank and the United States National Bank will close at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, March 31, as a convenience in connection with consolidation and moving.

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TWO WOMEN ANSWER CALL OF DEATH

Mrs. E. B. Cox was buried last Friday in this city. She was a recent arrival in Ashland from Grants Pass, and her untimely taking off is deeply mourned. Her new born survives to comfort the afflicted husband.

Mrs. Cox was in her nineteenth year at the time of her death. Mrs. Elizabeth Long died Saturday and her body was shipped today to Long Beach for burial. She was born in New York state twenty-two years ago and has resided in the valley for a number of years.

Prosperity Sure Says Pres. Sproule

Declaring, with the promise of abundant crops, the Pacific coast states should forge ahead and help to get prosperity started once more, President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific company has returned from New York as optimistic as ever in regard to conditions in general. Mr. Sproule's visit to New York was of no particular significance, it being a part of the natural routine of his work to be in the east at least twice a year.

"Preparations for the suit to separate the Southern Pacific," said Sproule, "are being handled here, recognizing the suit is not merely a question for the railroad company, but one that touches to a very important degree the material prosperity of the Pacific coast states. We have a strong desire to co-operate fully with authorities who have shown so keen an interest in the suit and a desire to co-operate with the company."

"As for travel, this year it is dull because people everywhere are saving up to come to California next year for the exposition. Travel throughout the east is dull, too."

Drilling For Artesian Soda

The development committee are now drilling for artesian soda water at a point about six miles east of Ashland, where the water experts indicated as the best chance. The well is now 105 feet down. At a depth of 102 feet a strong flow of soda and gas was encountered and the water rose to within ten feet of the surface. The water has been sent for analysis. The well is located near the line separating the Dodge and Tucker places. The experts think an artesian flow is likely to be obtained at a depth of from 175 to 200 feet. The drilling is getting very hard and the committee is undecided whether they will drill deeper, as the present well indicates a heavy flow of splendid soda.

Notice to Odd Fellows.
Ashland Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., will confer the Initiatory degree upon a class of candidates Thursday evening, April 2, 1914. All members and visiting brothers requested to attend.
WM. A. FLACKUS, N. G.
B. R. STEVENS, Sec'y.

PANGOLINS OF AFRICA.

Curious Anteaters That Train With the Owls and Bats.

It is perhaps just as well to know what a pangolin is, although one is not likely to meet it outside of Africa or the London zoological gardens. The latter establishment has one of these rare mammals and is very proud of it. This specimen is of the particularly rare variety with the rather intelligent given name of "white bellied." The pangolin is a sort of anteater, whose body is covered with scales. Although it is a mammal, a stranger asked to make an offhand diagnosis would certainly call it a lizard.

The white bellied pangolin trains with the owl and bats and sleeps during the daytime. When sleeping it is rolled up into an object about the size of a large croquet ball, and in this position, owing to its plating of pointed scales, is about as easy to attack or handle as a hedgehog. The sharp pointed scales give it somewhat the appearance of an "animated fire cone." Its natural food appears to be white ants, but in captivity it thrives on chopped raw meat and eggs. It is arboreal and a wonderful climber with its clawed feet and prehensile tail.

It seems to have no value to the human race except as a curiosity, although perhaps the natives in Africa eat it as they do most everything else that by any stretch of the imagination can be called edible—worms, ants, lizards, snakes, etc., ad nauseam.—New York Post.

Sound common sense without eloquence is better than folly with a flow of language.

Granite City Savings Bank to Become State Bank of Ashland

The Granite City Savings Bank will, as soon as the necessary legal formalities can be complied with, change its name to the State Bank of Ashland. This bank has purchased the banking house, fixtures and equipment of the United States National Bank and will move into its new location in a few days, in fact as soon as possible after the U. S. National vacates. These quarters are commodious, well located, having been the location of the first bank in the city, and been continuously used for banking purposes ever since. It is finely equipped, having a large vault, with safe deposit boxes and all up-to-date banking conveniences. The Granite City Savings Bank, since its organization, has made as

its special feature the building up of its savings department. In the future, while this department will be continued and given the same care, attention and consideration as before, the bank, under its new name, will become an active competitor for commercial business, and with the added prestige of its location and its fine new home will without a doubt continue to be a factor in the financial field of Ashland.

The Granite City Savings Bank, ever since its organization, has been under the direct management of G. G. Eubanks, cashier, who will guide the destinies of the new bank. He has proven the right man in the right place and has the confidence of the entire community. G. S. Butler is president and O. Winter vice-president of the institution.

Oregon Wheat Yield a Bumper

The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will produce a bumper crop of wheat this year, and unless all signs fail, the yield will be a record-breaker. Experienced grain men predict an outturn of at least 70,000,000 bushels of this cereal in the Pacific northwest.

These views are based on the remarkably fine condition of the winter wheat crop in the three states. From the date of planting to the present time, all conditions of climate, soil and moisture have been ideal. From every point in the northwest comes a uniform report of perfect growing weather and fine stand.

The increase in acreage has been more extensive than expected, averaging perhaps close to 10 per cent throughout the entire territory.

The northwest last year turned off a wheat crop of about 56,000,000 bushels. The record yield heretofore has been 65,000,000 bushels.

This year the three states will come up to this latter figure and without doubt will exceed it.

Spring wheat sowing is now almost completed in all sections, and general conditions could not be better for this operation. Prospects for barley, oats, forage and fruits of all kinds are entirely satisfactory.

Market Day Sales Would Get Trade

The secretary of the Commercial Club has a letter from a man in Portland who has had considerable experience in putting on market day sales in Kansas and Oklahoma and is inquiring about the possibility of putting one on here. At these sales livestock, implements, buggies, etc., are brought in and sold at a stated time and place and the owners pay a commission for the auctioneer and advertising. They are very successful in the middle west.

If you are interested in the proposition drop in and see the secretary of the club.

AUTO CRASHED INTO FERGUSON STORE

An auto, probably attracted by the inducements offered by low prices of Ferguson's Bargain Store, crashed through the big plate glass window Sunday morning. The car, belonging to Mrs. Carlton, was driven by her son, and had been left standing in front of the Oregon hotel. As the brake did not hold on the incline, the car followed its natural bent and started down the hill. The damage was slight except to the glass.

B. F. JONES IS FRIEND OF ASHLAND

B. F. Jones, candidate for congress in this district, was in the city Friday renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Jones was a member of the legislature during the fight for the retention of the normal school and made many friends in Ashland by his stand. He is making an active campaign, and while his district is extremely difficult to cover, he is making a flying trip in an effort to get around before the May primaries.

The country clubs will soon open for the purpose of holding tango dances weekly through the summer.

No Idea of Cost Yet Ascertained

It is said to have been commonly rumored that the springs development committee has given an estimate of cost on piping in the proposed springs at \$200,000. This is an error. The development committee has made no suggestion as to the cost of the enterprise. In the first place no approximate guess of the cost could be made until the kind of pipes necessary to carry the waters is ascertained. That will not be known until the analysis is completed. The chemists are now subjecting the waters to metal tests and will be ready to report on the kind of pipes to be used in a few days. In the meantime the committee do not know whether the work will cost two thousand dollars or two hundred thousand dollars.

As fast as authentic reports from the chemists are received they will be made public through the papers, as well as the estimates of the engineers. It is hoped no more discouraging rumors will be circulated.

The committee are using every means they can think of to protect the interest of the city, and when the cost is ascertained no doubt it will be found satisfactory.

Make it "Ashland the Beautiful."

Seeds To Go By Parcel Post

Within less than a month after the allied organizations throughout the northwest started a campaign for an extension of parcel post provisions, the postmaster general has issued an order that in future seeds, bulbs, cuttings, roots, scions and plants, in packages exceeding four ounces in weight, will be subject to parcel post rates. In packages weighing four ounces or less a flat rate of one cent per ounce will apply.

RAINFALL SUNDAY WAS 0.64 INCH

Weather Reporter Louis Dodge reports 0.64 inch rainfall for Saturday night and Sunday, and predictions for a continuation for several days. This is the second rain of the month, totaling less than an inch in all.

Rain fell generally over the valley and predictions are for more moisture, which will be welcome news to the farmers and fruit growers, for the fields and orchards are dry to the point of dustiness. It has been the driest March in six years, and there is a rainfall deficiency since last September. Old residents are issuing warnings of a wet April, full of drenching showers.

NEW WATER PIPES BEING CONNECTED

Water Commissioner Earl Hosler has a large force of men at work on the new pipe connections and is progressing fine. The water was shut off in certain portions of the city last week, and as the connections needed overhauling it will be necessary to shut the water off again tonight and Tuesday.

When this connection is completed the increased facilities will greatly benefit water users.

Phone No. 33 when in need of job printing. Work and prices are right.

COLVIG CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Fred L. Colvig has announced his candidacy for county treasurer, subject to the voters in the republican primary in May. Mr. Colvig needs no introduction to Jackson county voters. He is a native of Oregon and the present recorder of this county. His public service during the past is the principal appeal he is making for being trusted with the public funds of the county in the future. He was in Ashland Friday shaking hands and making the acquaintance of our residents.

Sustains Validity of Grants Pass Bonds

The test case involving the legality of the \$200,000 bond issue of the city of Grants Pass for the building of the municipal unit of the railroad to Willamette was argued before Judge Calkins of the circuit court and a decision was rendered by the judge supporting the validity of the issue.

The complaint made an attack upon the constitutionality of the issue, contending that the city could not issue bonds for the construction of a railway outside the limits of the municipal corporation.

Appeal will at once be taken to the state supreme court, which it will reach early this week. As matters of such public importance as this are usually given right of way in that body, it is expected that a decision can be obtained from the higher court within two or three weeks.

M. W. A., Attention.

Every member of Mahogany Camp, 6565, is expected to attend the funeral services of Neighbor Thompson at Stock's undertaking parlors Tuesday at 2 p. m.

W. A. SCHWIMLEY, V. C.
H. G. HEDBERG, Clerk of Camp.

ASHLAND SPOTLESS CITY BY CLEANUP

Cleanup day was generally observed today and Ashland is now almost in the spotless city class. The city street department had several wagons busy all day carrying off refuse.

Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Fraley were highly elated by the activity with which citizens generally assisted in this work. However, there were a few negligent ones and Chief Porter and his assistants will follow up and see that these do not overlook their premises.

The city officials are anxious to make Ashland beautiful, not only in name but in fact, and in this ambition have the hearty support of the civic societies of the city.

FROST WARNINGS BY LOCAL PHONES

Weather Reporter Louis Dodge has received instructions from Washington that frost warnings for orchardists in this district may be had by calling central at the telephone office. Arrangements have been made by the government weather forecaster whereby those who care to call the telephone office each evening may receive warnings throughout the night when frosts are expected. By this method the fruit growers may be reached more readily and better protection given.

CIGAR BOXES.

There is a Tremendous Trade In These Cedar Wood Receptacles.

Cigar boxes are a negligible quantity to the average smoker who stands before a tastily dressed showcase and buys a "five cent straight" or a "three for a quarter." Few of even the most inveterate smokers ever stop to think of the number of these boxes used in the United States during a year, or from where they come.

Thirty millions is the total number of boxes supplied to cigar manufacturers in the United States. Many millions more enter the country filled with foreign rolled cigars from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Manufacturers declare that the boxes made from Spanish cedar, a wood which is rarely seen outside of Cuba, is the best for packing the seductive weed.

Various woods have been tried, but wherever used connoisseurs have protested that even the finest of cigars were spoiled by putting them in boxes made from other wood than Spanish cedar. This wood always retains the flavor of a good cigar, and some assert that it greatly improves the flavor. The reason given is that the Spanish cedar grows only in that soil which produces the finest quality of what is known as Havana tobacco.—Washington Star.

O'Gara Succeeded by Aggie Man

Members of the fruitgrowers' committee appointed by the mass meeting two weeks ago, of which F. H. Madden is chairman, met with President Kerr and Dean Corbaley of the Oregon Agricultural College Thursday afternoon and discussed the matter of naming a pathologist to succeed Prof. P. J. O'Gara.

Though no definite decision was reached, the proposition of the state college was taken under advisement, and will probably be accepted, being as follows: If the county will pay \$2,000 the college will pay the remainder of the pathologist's salary, and approve the appointment of Pathologist Ballard, who was recommended by Prof. O'Gara, the college to be given the right to use experimental data, etc.

Pathologist Ballard, with Prof. O'Gara, is considered one of the great authorities on blight and other fruit conditions, and is at present connected with the department of agriculture. He took Prof. O'Gara's place in the department. He also discovered a spray solution that has been highly effective in the eradication of blight. He is at present at Watsonville, Cal., and is highly recommended.

The final decision of the committee will be reached and announced this week. The county court will meet and take action at an early date.

The Mineral Springs Contracts

Many persons have asked the committee the terms of the contracts for the mineral springs.

The hot sulphur spring located on the Berkeley place, just across the railroad at the east end of the Boulevard, was acquired by purchase. The price paid was \$250. The spring flows sixty gallons per minute and is 80 degrees hot at bedrock.

There was no money consideration paid for any other spring, each one being a contract for the present owner to have a perpetual surplus water right, the city to use it exclusively for public drinking purposes.

Under the contracts the springs are for the benefit of the city, with a provision that if the city fails to carry out its contract to pipe the water within one year the contracts are void and the springs, together with all development made by the committee, revert to the present owners of the land upon which the springs are located.

The contracts were made strictly for the city of Ashland. Private persons cannot hold the water by piping it in, or otherwise.

SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Lithia Water In Large Volume

After careful examination of the lithia water field about the old and new lithia springs the mineral water experts give it as their opinion that large volumes of fine lithia water can be developed. They say the indications point strongly to an artesian flow if well were drilled.

YELLOWSTONE LECTURE FOR THE PUPILS

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Wright to give his lecture on Yellowstone Park tomorrow at the close of school in the Dreamland Theatre for all pupils of the grades. An admission of 10 cents will be charged, merely to meet expenses. It

Tango Club Party

On Thursday, March 2, the Tango Club will give their opening party in Memorial hall. During the evening Miss Ireland and Mr. Sawyer will give a demonstration in the form of public instruction of the hesitation waltz, Spanish waltz, one-step, tango and the other dances of today.

The object of the club is to introduce into Ashland society the new dances.

Everyone cordially invited. It

Theorists who contend that newspaper accounts are responsible for series of crimes of similar character might explain how conflagrations come in bunches.